

CAP MR/DD Service Definition

Title: Specialized Equipment and Supplies

Service Definition:

Specialized Equipment and Supplies include devices, controls, or appliances specified in the participant's Person Centered Plan that enables the participant to increase the ability to perform activities of daily living, or to perceive, control or communicate with the environment in which they live. Items under this service shall be directly attributable to the participant's ability to avoid being institutionalized and shall exclude those items which are not of direct benefit to the participant. All items shall meet applicable standards of manufacture, design and installation. . There must be clear justification and documentation outlined within the Person Centered Plan for Specialized Equipment and Supplies.

The service includes the following categories of items:

Category 1: Adaptive Positioning Devices – standers, trays and attachments, prone boards and attachments, positioning chairs and sitters, multi-function physiosystem, bolster rolls and wedges, motor activity shapes, therapeutic balls, visualizer ball, physio- roll, therapy mats when used in conjunction with adaptive positioning devices.

Category 2: Mobility Aids: Specialized adaptive tricycles to improve the participant's gross motor skills.

Category 3: Aids for Daily Living – adaptive eating utensils (cups/mugs; spoons, forks, knives, universal gripping aid for utensils, adjustable universal utensil cuff, utensil holder, non-skid inner lip plate, sloping, deep plates, scoop, plate guards, non-skid pads for plate/bowl, wheelchair cup holders); adaptive eating equipment; adaptive, assistive devices/aids including adaptive switches and attachments; mobile and/or adjustable tables and trays for chairs, wheelchairs, and beds; adaptive toothbrushes; universal holder accessories for dressing, grooming, and hygiene; toilet trainer with anterior and lateral supports; adaptive toileting chairs and bath chairs and accessories not on the State DME list: adaptive hygiene/dressing aids, adaptive clothing, non-disposable clothing protectors; reusable incontinence garments with disposable liners for participants age two and above; dietary scales, food/fluid thickeners for dysphasia treatment; nutritional supplements that are taken by mouth such as those supplements covered by Medicaid for Home Infusion Therapy/Tube feedings; bed rails, assistive listening devices for participants with hearing and vision loss (TDD, large visual display devices, Braille screen communicators FM systems, volume control large print telephones, teletouch systems); medication dispensing

Service Limitation:

Specialized Equipment and Supplies may not be purchased through the waiver specifically for use in the school setting.

Specialized Equipment and Supplies will be a covered waiver expense only when not coverable under the Medicaid Durable Equipment Guidelines nor available for a child under the age of 21 as an EPSDT item.

Documentation:

1. The assessment/recommendation shall be completed in writing by an appropriate professional that identifies the participant's need(s) with regard to the Specialized Equipment and Supplies being

requested. Diagnostic information must be consistent with the recommended supplies/equipment. The assessment/recommendation must state the amount of an item the participant needs. The assessment/recommendation must be updated if the amount of the item the participant needs changes.

2. A copy of the physician's signature certifying medical necessity shall be included with the written request for Specialized Equipment and Supplies. The physician may sign a statement on the assessment/recommendation certifying that the requested supply/equipment is medically necessary or may sign a separate document.
3. Outcomes/goals related to the participant's/family's utilization and/or procurement of the requested supplies/equipment must be included in the Person Centered Plan. If the equipment/supplies are related to outcomes/goals already in the Person Centered Plan, this should be noted in the written request for the equipment/supplies. Outcomes must be consistent with the recommendations for the supplies/equipment.